

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 have been previously canceled; no claims are currently canceled. Claims 22, 23, 27, 28, 31, 32, 35 and 38 have been amended by way of this response. No new claims have been added. Thus, claims 22-39 are currently pending and presented for examination. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the amendments and the remarks.

Response to objections to the drawings:

The drawings are objected to because figures 4, 5, 8 and 18 contain improper use of shading, reducing the legibility of the drawings.

Applicant herewith submits corrected drawings sheets with figures 4, 5, 8 and 18, the corrected drawings sheets being each labeled as “replacement sheet”, and respectfully requests the examiner to withdraw the objections to the drawings.

Response to objections to the abstract:

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it includes legal phraseology. Applicant has amended the abstract accordingly and respectfully requests the examiner to withdraw the objections to the abstract.

Response to rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112:

Claims 22-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant has amended claims 22, 23, 27, 28, 31, 32, 35 and 38 accordingly and respectfully requests the examiner to withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Request for allowance of claims 22-39:

In the instant office action the examiner indicated that claims 22-39 contain patentable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112.

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Applicant has amended claims 22, 23, 27, 28, 31, 32, 35 and 38 to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 and respectfully submits that claims 22-39 are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the objections and rejections set forth in the outstanding office action are inapplicable to the present claims. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including fees for additional claims and terminal disclaimer fee, or credit any overpayments to deposit account no. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

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